

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Blotter: Aug. 13-19

Reminder for the week: Purchase your 2018/2019 Delaware hunting license, waterfowl stamps now

DOVER – To achieve public compliance with laws and regulations through education and enforcement actions that help conserve Delaware's fish and wildlife resources and ensure safe boating and public safety, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers between Aug. 13-19 made 2,995 contacts with anglers, boaters, and the general public, issuing 32 citations. Officers responded to 79 complaints regarding possible violations of laws and regulations or requests to assist the public. An increased Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police presence continued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area and Michael N. Castle Trail.



Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police in the Community

- On Aug. 18, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers discussed the role of Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers, answered hunting, fishing, and boating questions, and displayed The Operation Game Theft trailer during Middletown's Peach Festival.

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Actions

Citations issued by category, with the number of charges in parentheses, included:

Fisheries Conservation: *Recreational:* Possession of undersized blue crab (4), possession of undersized summer flounder (4), no F.I.N. (2), possession of undersized striped bass (1), and unlicensed fishing (4).

Boating and Boating Safety: Operating a vessel with insufficient number of life jackets (1), no life jacket on a child age 12 or younger as required by law (4), failure to observe slow no wake (2), and no boater safety certificate (2).

Public Safety: Clamming in a prohibited area (1).

Other: Trespassing after hours on a state wildlife area (6) and failure to stop at a red light (1).

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes and thanks the majority of anglers, hunters, and boaters who comply with and support Delaware's fishing, hunting, and boating laws and regulations. Citizens are encouraged to report fish, wildlife, and boating violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police by calling 302-739-4580. Wildlife violations may also be reported anonymously to Operation Game Theft by calling 800-292-3030 or online at <http://de.gov/ogt>.

Are you AWARE?

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police remind hunters to purchase their 2018/2019 Delaware hunting licenses and waterfowl stamps.

Resident hunters younger than 13 or 65 and older are not required to purchase a Delaware hunting license. Non-resident hunters 13 and older are required to purchase a Delaware

hunting license.

To hunt waterfowl in Delaware, residents age 16 through 64 are required to purchase a Delaware waterfowl stamp. Non-resident waterfowl hunters age 16 and older need a Delaware waterfowl stamp. Resident and non-resident hunters age 16 and older also need a federal migratory bird stamp to hunt waterfowl.

Hunters who are exempt from purchasing a license must obtain an annual, free License Exempt Number (LEN). Both exempt and non-exempt hunters of migratory gamebirds, including waterfowl, dove, woodcock, and rail must also obtain a free Federal Harvest Information Program (HIP) number. Both are available [online](#) or by calling 855-335-4868 toll-free.

Delaware hunting licenses and waterfowl stamps are sold online, at the licensing desk in DNREC's Dover office at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and by license agents statewide. To find a participating hunting license agent, purchase a Delaware hunting license or waterfowl stamp or obtain a HIP or LEN number online, click [Delaware Licenses & Permits](#). For additional information on Delaware hunting licenses, call 302-739-9918. Federal migratory bird stamps may be purchased at U.S. Post Offices, Bombay Hook and Prime Hook national wildlife refuges, and [online](#). For more information, call 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724).

For more information on hunting in Delaware, click [2018-2019 Delaware Hunting & Trapping Guide](#). The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk, and from license agents throughout the state.

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